

SEASIDE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT PLAN

GOAL AND OBJECTIVES:

The goal of the Seaside Park Police Department Recruitment Plan is to attract qualified individuals to pursue a career with the Seaside Park Police Department. The objective is to achieve an overall racial and gender composition of the police department in comparison to the service population of the Borough through the department's recruiting activities in compliance with the New Jersey Attorney General Guidelines "Promoting Diversity in Law Enforcement Recruiting and Hiring" issued December 7, 2021. This agency will make a good-faith effort to meet specific goals for recruiting a diverse workforce regarding people of color and gender diversity. The goals and objectives will be accomplished through various recruitment activities listed in the Recruitment Activities section of this plan.

GENERAL:

The Borough of Seaside Park is a New Jersey Civil Service Commission jurisdiction and must adhere to New Jersey State Statutes and Administrative Code in its recruitment and selection process.

The Borough of Seaside Park has a residency preference. Applicants for a competitive exam must be a bona fide resident of Seaside Park at the time of the closing date of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission Law Enforcement Test. Once Seaside Park residents have been exhausted from the Civil Service Certification List, Ocean County residents are then provided with preference. If the Ocean County list is exhausted, applications will be open to residents of the State of New Jersey. Intergovernmental transfers and candidates on the Civil Service Rice list are eligible consistent with Civil Service rules and regulations

The Borough of Seaside Park is an equal opportunity employer in all facets of the personnel process.

The Chief of Police or designee is responsible for the administration of the Recruitment Plan.

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CURRENT DEMOGRAPHICS:

The demographics composition of the service area and agency are represented in the following table:

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Data is based on the 2020 Census Count	POPULATION		CURRENT SWORN OFFICERS TOTAL		CURRENT SWORN FEMALE OFFICERS	
RACE / ETHNICITY	#	%	#	%	#	%
WHITE	1,352	93%	13	100%	1	8%
BLACK or AFRICAN AMERICAN	4	<1%	0	0%	0	0%
HISPANIC - ANY RACE	55	4%	0	0%	0	0%
AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%
ASIAN	9	1%	0	0%	0	0%
NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER	3	<1%	0	0%	0	0%
SOME OTHER RACE ALONE	3	<1%	0	0%	0	0%
POPULATION OF TWO OR MORE RACES	29	2%	0	0%	0	0%
TOTAL	1,456	100%	13	100%	1	8%

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ACTIVITIES:

If an open competitive test is to be announced:

Activity #1: Identify and maintain contact with local minority organizations and social support groups including, but not limited to educational, religious, ethnic, racial, and gender-based organizations.

Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Provide recruitment brochures and materials to educational, religious, ethnic, racial, and gender-based organizations.
- Contact the local Board of Education to seek permission to address high school students to interest them in a career with the agency following completion of their formal education.
- Attend Career Days at local schools and community colleges.
- Draft, print, and distribute informational brochures that may attract qualified candidates to the agency.
- Make maximum use of the Borough of Seaside Park website to attract qualified candidates to take the Civil Service Examination.

Activity #2: When applicable, contact the State of New Jersey Civil Service Commission and obtain the "Rice list" of eligible officers who were laid off from other jurisdictions.

Activities include, but are not limited to:

Conducting interviews with eligible laid off officers to employ such officers as to meet the agency's recruiting goals.

Activity #3: Make maximum use of the State of New Jersey Civil Service Commission Intergovernmental Transfer Program.

Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Post future openings for sworn positions with the State of New Jersey Intergovernmental Transfer Program website.
- Draft, print, and distribute informational brochures that may attract qualified candidates to the agency.

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ANNUAL REVIEW, EVALUATION AND REPORTING

- The Chief of Police, or designee, shall conduct an annual review of the Recruitment Plan and shall include, but not limited to, performing an annual agency demographic review, determining whether any substantial disparities have been reduced, and if need be, revising the Recruitment Plan accordingly if the goals and objectives are not met.
- N.J.S.A. 52:17B-4.10 et seq requires that each law enforcement agency must report certain law enforcement applicant data annually by January 31st for the preceding year. The data required to be reported is listed in the New Jersey Attorney General Guideline “Promoting Diversity in Law Enforcement Recruiting and Hiring” in Paragraph III.

<https://www.nj.gov/oag/dcj/agguide/directives/ag-Guidelines-Diversity-in-LE-Recruiting-and-Hiring.pdf>

- The reporting form can be found at:

<https://www.nj.gov/oag/dcj/agguide/directives/Appendix-A.xlsx>